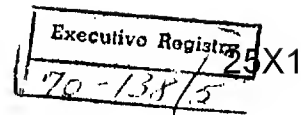


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Dear Dick:

The suggestion contained in your letter of January 23, concerning the annual report on U.S. counterintelligence activities is greatly appreciated. I heartily endorse the elimination of routine non-essential paper and I agree that much of the language is stilted and that the material in many sections of the report is of little value.

However, as a result of consultations with the PFIAB, it has been decided that the report continues to serve a useful purpose. Nonetheless, material presently duplicated in comprehensive annual reports to the PFIAB need only be included in the counterintelligence report. A memorandum to this effect will be distributed to concerned departments in the near future.

I realize that this slight modification in requirements may be of little value to you since you probably prefer to have one comprehensive report on all of your activities. We will take another hard look at the requirement for an annual report again next year. In the interim I hope you will be able to inject some life into the report and eliminate waste motion and useless material. Let me know if I can assist you in dealing with the bureaucracy on that score.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable Richard Helms  
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